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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re: application of:

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**For: Proteoglycan Compositions for the Treatment of Cardiovascular
Inflammatory Diseases**

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Examiner: Charesse Evans

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

IN THE TITLE

Please cancel the title of the parent application and replace with:

**--Proteoglycan Compositions for the Treatment of Cardiovascular Inflammatory
Diseases--**

AFTER THE TITLE

Please add the following statement:

**--This application is a divisional application of copending PCT/US02/00476, filed
01/03/2002, which is a continuation-in-part of copending United States patent
application Serial No. 09/771,669, filed 01/30/2001, which is a divisional
application of copending United States patent application Serial No. 09/056,707,
filed 04/08/1998.**

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1 through 39.

Please add the following new claim:

**40. A composition for oral use with synergistic anti-inflammatory properties in
cardiovascular inflammatory conditions induced by the activation of mast cells, s
and subsequent secretion of vasoactive and inflammatory biomolecules,**

comprising, in mg per soft gel capsule: chondroitin sulfate, 25-75; rutin, 25-75; quercetin, 50-150; S-adenosylmethionine, 150-250; folic acid, 0.17-0.37; fish oil polyunsaturated fatty acids, 150-200; microfiltered olive kernel extract, 200-300; bitter willow extract, 15-25; suspension agents, 50-70.

Respectfully submitted,

Date of signature: 08/29/2003

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